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[Report No. 130] (H.R. 1689)

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 1949

Mr. LUCAS (for himself, Mr. O'CONOR, Mr. FLANDERS, and Mr. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

MARCH 18, 1949

Reported by Mr. O'CONOR, with amendments

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**A BILL**

To increase rates of compensation of the heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies.

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2     *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3     That the rate of basic compensation of the head of each  
4     executive department and of the Secretary of Defense shall  
5     be \$25,000 per annum.

6     SEC. 2. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
7     ~~Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission,~~ the Adminis-  
8     trator for Economic Cooperation, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States, the Chairman of the Council of Eco-  
2 nomic Advisers, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget,  
3 the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board,  
4 the Federal Security Administrator, the Administrator of  
5 Veterans' Affairs, ~~the Chairman of the Board of Governors~~  
6 ~~of the Federal Reserve System~~, each Under Secretary of  
7 an executive department, the Assistant to the Attorney  
8 General, the Solicitor General of the United States, and  
9 the First Assistant Postmaster General shall be ~~\$22,500~~  
10 ~~\$20,000~~ per annum.

11 (b) Section 105 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "COMPENSATION OF SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE, ADMIN-  
14 ISTRATIVE, AND STAFF ASSISTANTS TO PRESIDENT

15 "SEC. 105. The President is authorized to fix the com-  
16 pensation, of the six administrative assistants authorized to  
17 be appointed under section 106 of this title, of the Executive  
18 Secretary of the National Security Council, and of five other  
19 secretaries or other immediate staff assistants in the White  
20 House Office as follows: Two at rates not exceeding ~~\$22,500~~  
21 ~~\$20,000~~ per annum, three at rates not exceeding ~~\$20,000~~  
22 ~~\$18,000~~ per annum, and seven at rates not exceeding  
23 ~~\$17,500~~ ~~\$16,000~~ per annum."

24 (c) The first sentence of section 106 of title 3 of the  
25 United States Code is amended to read as follows: "The

1 President is authorized to appoint not to exceed six admin-  
2 istrative assistants and to fix their compensation in accordance  
3 with section 105 of this title."

4 SEC. 3. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
5 Housing and Home Finance Administrator, the Federal  
6 Works Administrator, ~~the members (other than the Chair-~~  
7 ~~man)~~ of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
8 System, the members (other than the Chairman) of the  
9 Council of Economic Advisers, ~~the members (other than the~~  
10 ~~Chairman)~~ *the Chairman* of the Atomic Energy Commis-  
11 sion, the Public Printer, the Librarian of Congress, the  
12 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, the Chairman  
13 of the Munitions Board, the Chairman of the Research and  
14 Development Board, the Director of Central Intelligence, the  
15 Deputy Administrator for Economic Cooperation, the As-  
16 sistant Comptroller General of the United States, the  
17 Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Execu-  
18 tive Assistant Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and the  
19 Assistant Federal Security Administrator shall be \$20,000  
20 \$18,000 per annum.

21 (b) The first sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
22 the United States Code (relating to the salary of the  
23 Director of the Administrative Office of the United States  
24 Courts) is amended to read as follows:

1        "The Director shall receive a salary of ~~\$20,000~~ \$18,000  
2 a year."

3        SEC. 4. (a) The rate of basic compensation of *the*  
4 *members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve*  
5 *System; the members (other than Chairman) of the*  
6 *Atomic Energy Commission; the members of the Home*  
7 *Loan Bank Board; the Public Housing Commissioner;*  
8 *the Federal Housing Commissioner; the Housing Expediter;*  
9 *the War Assets Administrator; the Director of Selective*  
10 *Service; the Director of Aeronautical Research of the*  
11 *National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; the Archivist*  
12 *of the United States; of all members of the Civil Aero-*  
13 *navics Board; the Displaced Persons Commission; the*  
14 *Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of Washing-*  
15 *ton; the Federal Communications Commission; the Board*  
16 *of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation*  
17 *(including the Comptroller of the Currency); the Federal*  
18 *Power Commission; the Federal Trade Commission; the*  
19 *Interstate Commerce Commission; the National Labor*  
20 *Relations Board; the National Mediation Board; the*  
21 *Railroad Retirement Board; the Board of Directors of the*  
22 *Reconstruction Finance Corporation; the Securities and*  
23 *Exchange Commission; the Board of Directors of the*  
24 *Tennessee Valley Authority; the Civil Service Commis-*  
25 *sion; the United States Maritime Commission; the United*

1 States Tariff Commission; the Indian Claims Commission;  
2 the War Claims Commission; the Philippine War Damage  
3 Commission; the Board of Commissioners of the District  
4 of Columbia; of the General Counsel of the National Labor  
5 Relations Board; each Assistant Secretary of an executive  
6 department (including the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of  
7 the Treasury); each Assistant Attorney General; the Assist-  
8 ant Solicitor General of the United States; the Counselor  
9 of the Department of State; the Second, Third, and Fourth  
10 Assistant Postmasters General; the Associate Federal Medi-  
11 ation and Conciliation Director; the Deputy Director of  
12 Central Intelligence; the Philippine Alien Property Admin-  
13 istrator; the Chief Assistant Librarian of Congress; the  
14 Deputy Public Printer; the Architect of the Capitol; the  
15 Assistant Federal Works Administrator; and of the Gov-  
16 ernors of Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, and the  
17 Panama Canal shall be at the rate of ~~\$17,500~~ \$16,000 per  
18 annum. Notwithstanding the Act of February 23, 1931  
19 (5 U. S. C. 152a), the salary of the legal adviser of the  
20 Department of State shall not be increased as a result of  
21 this ~~Act~~ *section*.

22 (b) The second sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
23 the United States Code (relating to the compensation of the  
24 Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the United  
25 States Courts) is amended to read as follows: "The Assistant

1 Director shall receive a salary of ~~\$17,500~~ \$16,000 a year."

2 SEC. 5. In any case in which the chairman or other  
3 head of a board or commission, the rate of basic compen-  
4 sation for members of which is prescribed by section 4  
5 of this Act, has important duties or responsibilities not  
6 imposed upon other members of such board or commission,  
7 the President is authorized in his discretion to fix the  
8 compensation of such chairman or other head at the rate  
9 of ~~\$20,000~~ \$18,000 per annum.

10 SEC. 6. (a) *The rate of basic compensation of the*  
11 *Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Director of the Federal*  
12 *Bureau of Investigation, Commissioner of Public Roads, Com-*  
13 *missioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Administrator*  
14 *of the Rural Electrification Administration, Commissioner*  
15 *for Social Security, Commissioner of Reclamation, Commis-*  
16 *sioner of Customs, Governor of the Farm Credit Administra-*  
17 *tion, Chief Forester of the Forest Service, three Special*  
18 *Assistants to the Secretary of Defense, Administrator of the*  
19 *Farmers Home Administration, Administrator, Production*  
20 *and Marketing Administration (President, Commodity Cor-*  
21 *poration), Director of Bureau of Prisons, General Manager*  
22 *of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and General Manager of*  
23 *the Atomic Energy Commission, shall be \$16,000 per annum.*

24 (b) *In any case in which the position of head of a*  
25 *bureau or other commensurate major subdivision of an execu-*

1 *tive department or independent agency, board, or commis-*  
2 *sion, or other comparable executive or administrative position,*  
3 *involves important duties and responsibilities making it*  
4 *equivalent in value to positions referred to in subsection*  
5 *(a), the President is authorized in his discretion to fix the*  
6 *compensation applicable to such position at the rate of*  
7 *\$16,000 per annum.*

8 *(c) The authority granted to the President in sub-*  
9 *section (b) shall not be exercised whenever there exist ten*  
10 *positions with respect to which the President has exercised*  
11 *such authority. The President shall report from time to*  
12 *time to the Congress any action taken by him pursuant to*  
13 *subsection (b) or section 5.*

14 SEC. 6 7. (a) Section 304 of the Postal Rate Revision  
15 and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 is hereby re-  
16 pealed effective as of July 3, 1948. No additional com-  
17 pensation shall be payable by reason of the enactment of  
18 this section for any period prior to the date of enactment  
19 of this Act in the case of any person who is not an employee  
20 in or under the municipal government of the District of  
21 Columbia on such date of enactment.

22 (b) Effective as of the first day of the first pay period  
23 which began after June 30, 1948, each of the rates of basic  
24 compensation provided by sections 412 and 415 of the  
25 Foreign Service Act of 1946 (U. S. C., title 22, secs. 867

1 and 870) which do not exceed \$10,000 are hereby increased  
2 by \$330. No additional compensation shall be payable by  
3 reason of the enactment of this section for any period prior  
4 to the date of enactment of this Act in the case of any  
5 person who is not a Foreign Service officer, a *Foreign*  
6 *Service reserve officer*, or a Foreign Service staff officer  
7 or employee on such date.

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